

REMARKS

Claims 52-63 have been added. No new matter is being added by the addition of these new claims.

Support for new Claim 52 is provided in the application as filed, at page 5 line 30 through page 6 line 34, and Figures 1 and 2, wherein a teat dip conduit (14) is connected to a liner head (6) defining a liner head chamber (9), the liner head defines an opening (10) through which fluid from the liner head chamber can flow and be applied to an upper portion of an animal teat (T), and a nozzle (13) is in fluid communication with the teat dip conduit (14) to restrict milk from flowing into the teat dip conduit.

Support for the additional elements of new Claim 53 is provided in the specification, at least at page 9, lines 11-29.

Support for the additional elements of new Claim 54 is provided in the specification, at least at page 8, lines 9-12.

Support for the additional elements of new Claim 55 is provided in the specification, at least at page 9 line 32 to page 10 line 5 (backflush valve 20).

Support for the additional elements of new Claim 56 is provided in the specification, at least at page 9, lines 21-29.

Support for the additional elements of new Claim 57 is provided in the specification, at least at page 9, lines 25-29.

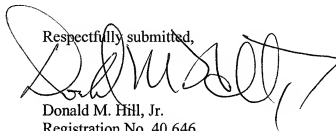
Support for new Claim 58 is provided in the specification, at least at page 5 line 30 to page 6 line 34, and page 9 line 32 to page 10 line 5, as well as the figures.

New Claims 59-63 generally correspond to new Claims 53-57, and thus the previously indicated support in the specification for Claims 53-57 applies to Claims 59-63 as well.

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New Claims 52-63 correspond to Claims 1-4, 8-11, and 14-16 of U.S. Patent No. 7,401,573 issued on July 22, 2008 to Kevin L. Torgerson, entitled "Liner Contact Automatic Teat Dip Applicator".

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